Evolution of an agreement between India and Pakistan

488. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive draft agreement between India and Pakistan was evolved during the recent official level talks held between the two countries in Islamabad integrating the elements of both the treaty of friendship and a 'no war' pact offered by India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the broad features thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to sign such a treaty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No Sir. Discussions are still continuing.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Agreement between India and Pakistan regarding foreign bases etc.

489. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement between India and Pakistan was reached during the Indo-Pakistan official level talks held at Islamabad in Pakistan in January this year to prevent setting up of foreign bases on the territory and for effectively preventing use of each ones territory against the other by terrorists and insurgents and by third countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the accord reached in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of electronic weapons to Pakistan by U.S.

490. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government has agreed to supply sophisticated electronic weapons to Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the details of such weapons proposed to be acquired by Pakistan from the US; and

(c) what is Government's reaction by way of matching India's defence preparedness in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Pakistan is acquiring Fire-finder radar system from U.S.A. Government have also seen reports that Pakistan is trying to get some other electronic counter measure weaponery from U.S.A.

(c) All such developments are kept under constant watch and appropriate measures taken to ensure full defence preparedness.

Effect of appeals of International Organisation on aparthied policy of South Africa

491. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps have been taken by the Government of India duirng the last four months to persuade or pressurise the Pretoria regime of South Africa to give up the aparthied policy against the blacks/coloured in that country;

(b) what steps have been taken by the other Commonwealth and the non-aligned countries in this regard during the same period; and

(c) what is Government's information regarding response of the South African minority regime to the appeals of various international organisations, including the UNO in this regard?